

# FIFTEEN GRADUATES

Make Their Farewell Bows at the Fairmont Normal School.

## AN UNUSUALLY BRILLIANT CLASS.

The performances of a High Order of Merit—The Closing Exercises of the Most Successful Year in the History of the Institution—More Room Needed to Accommodate Increased Attendance of Students—Success of West Virginia Students Abroad.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

Fairmont, W. Va., June 14.—The present has been a most interesting week to the students and friends of the State Normal School. This institution has won considerable fame in the educational world and her graduates well earned renown in whatever field circumstance and inclination has placed them. To-day occurred the twenty-third annual commencement, and certainly no class has graduated from the school so well equipped for the stern realities and the practical problems of life than the one that stepped from the portals of the Normal building to-day. This class has been designated as the "Evans class," in honor of one of the most highly esteemed professors of the school, and one who is entirely deserving of the compliment.

The large commencement hall was filled to repletion some time before the hour set for the opening number of the programme. On the rostrum were seated the principal and members of the faculty, the executive committee and State Superintendent of Schools, Virgil A. Lewis, who is ex-officio president of the board of regents. The audience was a remarkable one from more than one standpoint. It was patiently and interestingly attentive, which involved a severe strain on the physical nature of the gathering on account of the enthusiastic warmth of the weather. It was also singularly appreciative and intelligently responsive.

After a selection by Professor Lyon's orchestra Rev. John T. Foster invoked divine blessings on the audience and the graduates, who were about to enter a new experience. The following programme was then carried out, with restful intervals of music:

- Orations, with Salutatory:
  - Gaston W. Fisher, Parkersburg, W. Va.
  - Essay: "Work an Element of Success" — Miss Maud L. Hill, Mutton Run, W. Va.
  - Orations:
    - James Ott Watson, Jr., Fairmont, W. Va.
    - Orations: "Step by Step" — Bertram L. Mercer, Fairmont, W. Va.
    - Essay: "If Life is a Dream, Dream It Well" — Miss Julia H. Jones, White Bay, W. Va.
    - Orations:
      - "The Present the Prophet of the Future" — Herbert Young, Vandavia, W. Va.
      - "The New Woman" — Ella L. Carney, Silver Hill, W. Va.
      - Essay: "The Coming Man" — Miss Bertha E. Fleming, Fairmont, W. Va.
      - Orations: "The Power of Oratory Undiminished" — Frank W. Gandy, Independence, W. Va.
      - Orations:
        - "Are We Losing Our Patriotic Sentiment?" — Claudius W. Maxwell, Parsons, W. Va.
        - Essay: "Water comes in Levels" — Miss Cora J. Parker, Barrackville, W. Va.
        - Orations:
          - "Caste in America" — Charles E. Trumbull, Fenner, W. Va.
          - Orations: "Gifts of Nature's Mechanism" — J. Calvin Robinson, Nicklow, W. Va.
          - Orations: "Our Normal School and Its Needs" — Paul McCoy, Fairmont, W. Va.
          - Orations: with Valedictory:
            - "Independence of Thought" — John L. Leach, Fairlight, W. Va.

The performances of the young ladies and gentlemen were of rare literary excellence, an attractive and commendable feature being the practical character of the topics treated, and an absence of the usual verbal splendor, so prevalent on such occasions, which invariably conceals mental poverty.

State Superintendent of Schools Lewis, in his capacity as president of the board of regents, presented the diplomas to the graduates, addressing the class in brief and graceful terms. The graduates were the distinguished marks of floral tributes from their friends and admirers, and many received more substantial testimony of admiration and esteem.

The year just closed has been the most successful in the history of the institution, the attendance of students reaching the large total of 300, the highest figures ever attained. This certainly speaks volumes for Principal Walter Barnes and his distinguished corps of assistants. The special need of the school at present is more room, the capacity of the splendid new building being taxed to its uttermost. The legislature could do no better thing, or confer no more lasting benefit on the educational advancement of the youth of this section of the state, than to finish the uncompleted wing of the school building. The class educated in these normal schools comprises the earnest workers in the cause of education and to-day are the moving powers of the advancement of the state in lines that admit of no retrogression. The board of regents will not meet until July, when this matter and others of moment will no doubt be given careful consideration. It is thought they will be asked to include Latin in the course, and make it requisite in order to secure a diploma.

Pleasant news has reached here of the success of two distinguished graduates of the Normal school who have been attending the Nashville, Tenn., University. One is D. E. Phillips, who received the highest honors there. Dr. Payne, of that university, pronounced his thesis to be the best he had ever heard, and Mr. Phillips was given the additional honor of having *Magnum laudi* attached to his diploma, the second time this high compliment was ever paid to any student of that institution.

Mr. John G. Shaw was graduated also from this university, taking the degree M. S. Mr. Shaw receives second honors and the praise of the entire faculty. He has been offered several very remunerative situations already.

West Virginians are always in evidence abroad, and unlike the prophet, are honored at home as well as in distant fields of endeavor. J. E. D.

## TERRIBLE DISASTER.

Fifty Harvesters Lose Their Lives by the Capsizing of a Boat.

CASTLE BAR ISLAND, IRELAND, June 14.—A dispatch from Westport quay, about eleven miles from this city, announces a terrible disaster to a party of harvesters who were on their way to Scotland. A passenger boat returning to Westport quay from Achil Island, having on board eighty harvesters, who were to be shipped to Scotland from Westport, capsized. According to the first reports of the disaster thirty out of the eighty passengers were drowned, but later advices say that it is believed that fifty of the harvesters lost their lives. The boat capsized off Anagh head. Eighteen bodies have been recovered but the exact number of persons saved is not known.

"Is this hot enough for you?" is a silly question; but if you meet a man who complains of suffering from the heat, ten to one you will find, on inquiry, that he does not use Ayer's Sarsaparilla to tone up his system and free his blood from irritating humors.

## WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS

At Dobbs Ferry—Laying of the Base Stone of the Monument—A Notable Occasion.

New York, June 14.—The New York Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to-day laid the base stone of a monument at Dobbs Ferry, designed to mark the spot where Washington had his headquarters in 1783.

The monument will stand in front of the old Livingston house in which the Yorktown campaign was planned, and in which the American and British commanders arranged for the final evacuation of American soil by the British, and opposite which the British sleep of war fired the first salute ever given by Great Britain to America. June 14 was chosen for the celebration of the laying of the base stone because it is the anniversary of the date when the stars and stripes were first selected as the official standard of the United States. The monument will be of Maine granite about ten feet high with a flat top, on which a statue of the French admiral, Comte de Rochambeau will be placed at some future date. On the base stones the names of Washington and Rochambeau will be placed. Higher up an inscription will tell what the shaft is to commemorate.

The Starlin line steamer Howard Carroll left West Forty-fourth street at 10 o'clock this morning for Dobbs Ferry with about 1,000 persons on board, members of the Sons of the Revolution and their guests, Secretary of the Navy Herbert, Assistant Secretary McAdoo, Admiral Gherardi, Admiral Beham, Gen. W. A. Stryker, Postmaster Dayton, Fitzjohn Porter and many other well-known men. President Cleveland, Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British minister, and M. Patenotre, the French ambassador, sent their regrets, as did also Governor Flower and Mayor Gilroy. At Dobbs Ferry, the men-of-war Minnetonka and Lancaster, representing the old navy and the new, awaited the party and fired a salute to the Vice President. The party was then received by the local citizens' committee who acted as hosts during the stay in the village. Before the arrival of the Carroll, the school children sang national anthems in front of the Livingston house and then with the local militia, fire department and civic organizations escorted their guests to the site of the monument, where the procession halted briefly while Chauncey M. Depew, president of the society, laid the base stone, the Marine Band playing the national anthem and the warships firing a national salute.

The procession then moved to the Livingston house, now occupied by Dr. Joseph Hasbrouck, who gave the society the land on which the monument now stands, and the literary exercises took place, the principal addresses being made by Vice President Stevenson and Gen. Horace Porter.

## THE ARMOR PLATE FRAUDS.

Mr. Sill Tells How Doctored Reports Were Made to the Government.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.—Charles Edgar Sill, the former Carnegie workman who made the chief disclosures concerning defective armor plate furnished the government, was before the congressional investigating committee to-day. There was little of a criminal character in the testimony. Mr. Sill told of the manner in which he made written reports on the result of certain processes of manufacture. These reports were then put on the desk of Superintendent Kline, who charged them so as to make them show that the processes conformed to the requirements and specifications of the government contract. Sill took his report from original entries on slates used by the workmen showing what they had actually done. After Kline had changed the reports, they were returned to Sill, who made up a complete report, including Kline's alterations, to be submitted to the government official as the record of what had been done.

## Will Take an Outing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.—By the advice of his physician, President Cleveland has about decided to take a short outing down the Chesapeake Bay. The attack of summer complaint that has kept Mr. Cleveland closely confined to his rooms during the last few days has yielded to treatment and with the exception of a slight weakness he is quite himself again.

## A Terrible Tragedy Unearthed.

JEFFERSONVILLE, IND., June 14.—Three dead bodies were found to-day near Borden. They were a man, woman and child and they had been apparently dead for two days. They were all well dressed and had been killed with a revolver. A revolver was found near the bodies. The supposition is that the man killed the woman and child and then committed suicide. They have not been identified.

## An Exaggerated Report.

COLON, June 14.—The stories circulated in connection with the conflagration at Panama have been grossly exaggerated. Instead of two hundred and fifty buildings being destroyed, only about one hundred and fifty small cheap dwellings have been burned. Instead of a loss of \$1,500,000 it is estimated that the amount of property destroyed will not under any circumstances exceed \$250,000.

## A Home for the Liberty Bell.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 14.—The old liberty bell has been taken down from the place where it has been suspended in Independence Hall and placed in a handsome square pavilion made of quartered oak and glass. It is situated now in the middle of the east room occupying 72 square feet of floor space, and is the most striking of all the relics, by reason of its magnificent house.

## The Horrors

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## POWDERLY EXPLAINS

The Circumstances of His Retirement—A Sensational Circular—Charged That the Democratic Committee Contributed a Sum of Money to Defeat Him.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 14.—Terrence V. Powderly, ex-general master workman of the Knights of Labor, has issued for private circulation among the members of the order a statement containing the inside history of the movement which compelled his voluntarily retirement. It forms a pamphlet of twenty-four pages. In a review of the circumstances leading up to the events of last fall which alludes to the candidacy of John O'Keefe in 1892 against Mr. Hayes for the office of general secretary-treasurer, which was followed by Mr. O'Keefe's discharge by Hayes from his position in the general office. Mr. O'Keefe's complaint to the general executive board brought to light complaints from other men of the office, all members of the order being watched, dogged and brow-beaten.

"They asked for redress," said Mr. Powderly, "and the general executive board gave them a hearing in the general office. The general secretary-treasurer, who was present when the clerks and other employees were called before the general executive board, retired and refused to be present at the hearing. The statements made at the hearing were taken down in shorthand, and disclosed a condition of affairs which gave the members of the general executive board no little uneasiness. Listening at keyholes, picking of pockets, watching each insignificant move, reading personal letters, and in fact such practices as would not be tolerated in any factory or other industrial institution in the land were stated to be of daily occurrence in the general office."

"When the general secretary-treasurer was requested by the board to abolish the system of espionage which prevailed in the office he denied that any such condition of affairs existed."

Mr. Powderly then takes up the presentation by Mr. Hayes of charges against the general executive board which he denies in every detail. "When the St. Louis general assembly was in session," continued the statement, "James Hughes told me that the national Democratic committee had \$5,000 there to defeat me for reelection. I paid no attention to his statements and told him it could not be true. He said he had the proofs. At the banquet given by the St. Louis local that evening, James R. Soverign, who sat opposite me wrote on a card and handed to me. From the card now before me I quote these words:

"There are \$5,000 here from the east to defeat your reelection. Say nothing. It will fail."

"In conversation he said he was positive that the statement was correct and that he knew who had the money."

The general master workman closes with an appeal to the members to hold assemblies together, but to scrutinize all new ones and not allow so many "paper assemblies" to be organized; that the genuine ones will be outvoted at the next general assembly at New Orleans.

## The Plague at Hong Kong.

HONG KONG, June 14.—Seventeen hundred Chinese have died here since the outbreak of the plague on May 1. Despite previous reports to the contrary, European population up to the present time have not been attacked by the disease. The stringent precautionary measures taken by the Europeans are the cause of their immunity from sickness. The epidemic is now increasing in severity. There has been a general exodus from the Chinese quarters. There were 82 deaths from the plague yesterday.

## Trestle Burned.

MONONGAHELA CITY, Pa., June 14.—The railway trestle at Old Eagle mines, on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railway, two and a half miles below here, was burned about daylight, and all traffic has been temporarily suspended. The fire was the work of incendiaries. Everything is quiet at Manow.

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